

## INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH

### Richard H. Beal

**Richard H. Beal** spent much of the past year reference checking, copy editing, and entering corrections as the second fascicle of the Š volume of the Chicago Hittite Dictionary was shepherded through to publication. He also found some time to write first drafts of articles, the largest being *dai-* “to put, place.”

The past year he finished an article “Making, Preserving, and Breaking the Peace with the Hittite State” for the volume *War, Peace, and Reconciliation in the Ancient World*, edited by Kurt Raaflaub. He also completed a review of *Akten des IV. Internationalen Kongresses für Hethitologie* for the *Journal of the American Oriental Society* and a review of *The Organization of the Anatolian Local Cults*, by Joost Hazenbos, for *Archiv für Orientforschung*. A review of *The Historical Prologue of the Hittite Vassal Treaties*, by Amnon Altman is in progress. He gave a lecture “Subjugation and Revolt in the Hittite Empire” at the American Oriental Society 2006 Meetings in Seattle and is writing a lecture “Hittite Reluctance to Go to War” for the 2006 Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale in Münster.

Beal dedicated most evenings and weekends to aiding in proofreading and index building for the books by his wife JoAnn Scurlock, alumna of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at the University of Chicago. The first *Diagnoses in Assyrian and Babylonian Medicine* written with medical professor Burton Andersen, appeared just in time for the fifty-first Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale here at the Oriental Institute in 2005. As soon as that was finished, page proofs arrived finally for a book that had been accepted for publication some five years before *Diagnoses* was submitted: *Magico-Medical Means of Treating Ghost Induced Illnesses in Ancient Mesopotamia*. This book appeared in early 2006.

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